Study for Industrial Pollution Control

7655. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study was undertaken by the country's leading risk management organisation for industrial pollution control areas;

(b) if so, whether any report has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Studies for preparing model Off-site Emergency Preparedness Plans have been conducted in selected districts in which hazardous industries are located. Names of districts and organisations which carried out these studies are given below:

	District	Organisation
1.	Baroda, Gujarat	Tata Risks Management Services, New Delhi.
2.	Moradabad, UP	Environmental Resources Management (India) Pvt. Ltd., Madras.
3.	Visakhapatnam, A.P.	National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur.
4.	Mangalore, Karnataka	Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad.
5.	Kota, Rajasthan	Tata Risks Management Services, New Delhi.
6.	Thane, Maharasthra	Tata Risks Management Services, New Delhi.
7.	Raigad, Maharashtra	Environmental Resources Management (India) Pvt. Ltd., Madras.
8.	Tuticorin & Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu.	Central Leather Research Institute, Madras.
9.	Durgapur, West Bengal	Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur.

All these organisations have completed the studies and submitted the reports. These reports have indicted the necessary steps for emergency preparedness during chemical accidents.

(c) These reports have been made available to the concerned State authorities for dealing with chemical emergencies.

Conference of Environment and Forest Ministers

7656. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Environment and Forest Ministers of various States was held recently;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and the decisions taken in the conference; and